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Camps Offer a Summer of Learning



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USAID-funded Democracy Summer Camps helped hundreds of Kyrgyz youth become more active citizens of their country.

More than 1500 Kyrgyz youth participated in the Democracy Summer Camps, organized by the USAID Civic Education project, implemented by IFES, from 2000-2006. Each camp consisted of 60 children and ran for ten days, offering teenagers a variety of leadership, educational, and sports activities throughout the program. All activities were designed to teach youth about democratic values, role of a citizen, importance of personal self-determination and participation in the public development. The project continuously perfected the modules for the camps that were run by teams of trainers recruited from various local universities and civil society organizations. The summer camps were always enjoyed by participants and contributed a lot to the development of active and responsive youth and civil society.